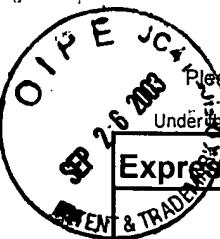


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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Mr. Harlan:

In response to the Office Action, Paper No. 8, dated 26 June 2003, applicants submit the following response and amendment:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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